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Parasite Breeding Station

* 776 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Parasite Research Stations are now functioning in the State; and

(*b*) the nature of work actually turned out by these Research Centres?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) There is only one Parasite Breeding Station in this State and it is at Kasaragod in South Kanara district.

" (*b*) The items of work done at this station are (i) the study of the intensity and distribution of the black headed caterpillar pest of coconut (Nephantis Serinopa) in the West Coast; and (ii) organized biological control of this pest by breeding two species of parasites in the laboratory and releasing them in areas where the pest is active."

Bunds for Pullur and Konam streams

* 777 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state— 11-30 a.m.

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation, dated 25th May 1954, from the President, Pullur Panchayat Board, South Kanara district, to construct permanent bunds at (1) Kallanchira and Peralath across the Pullur stream and (2) at Embankundu across the Konam stream; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The schemes are under investigation by the local Public Works Department officers."

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The villagers depend mainly on these two streams for water for cultivation. Generally temporary bunds are put up at very heavy cost. Will the Government be pleased to instruct the officers concerned to expedite the putting up of permanent bunds for these streams? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I told the House that the schemes are under investigation. The investigation will be expedited."